

Narrative of Monthly Report August 2025

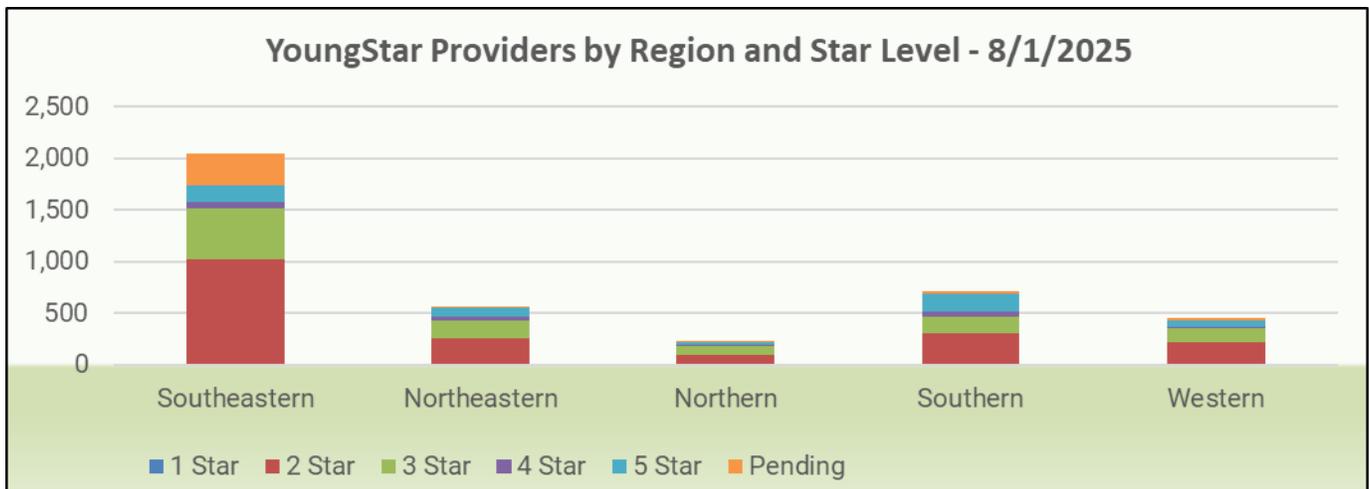
YoungStar has transitioned to a new service provider in 2023. There are now five YoungStar Regions instead of six. The Milwaukee and Kenosha/Racine Regions have been merged into the Southeastern Region. Waukesha County is now part of the Southeastern Region. These changes and adjustments are reflected in the data.

For the month of August, the following are notable YoungStar statistics.

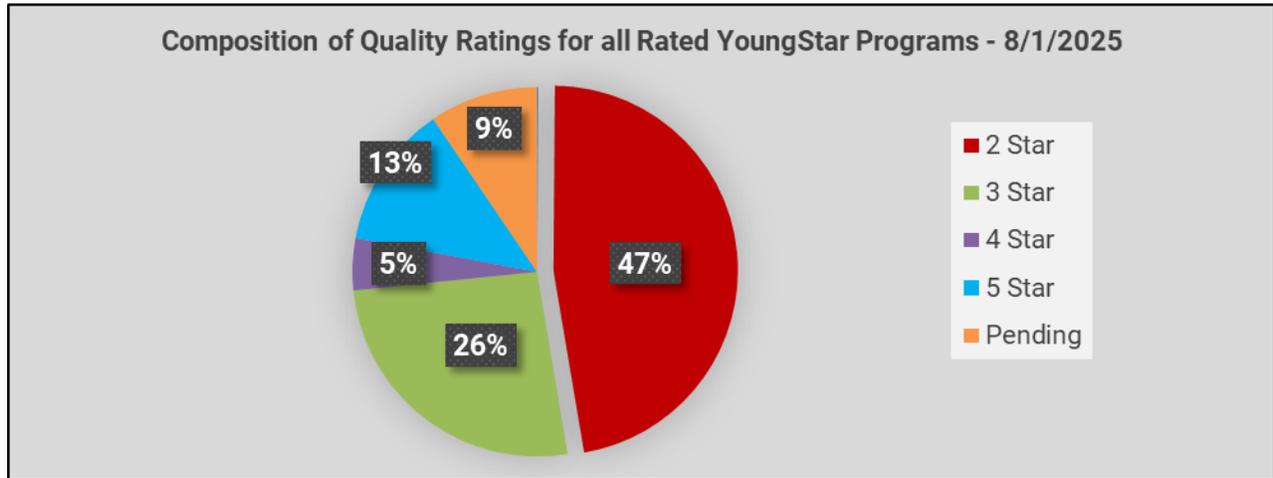
★ **Participation and Rating Composition:**

We currently have 3,997 programs participating in YoungStar. This is an increase of 23 programs as compared to last month. The chart and graph below show the rating composition by region for the current month.

	1 Star	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	TOTAL
Southeastern	5	1,013	502	60	154	310	2,044
Northeastern	0	258	166	36	89	17	566
Northern	0	92	84	11	31	8	226
Southern	0	301	161	58	168	24	712
Western	0	223	128	17	60	21	449
Total	5	1,887	1,041	182	502	380	3,997



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★ **Rating and Wisconsin Shares Data**

The total number of programs currently rated was 3,617. There were an additional 380 programs with pending ratings. There were 2,771 programs with open Wisconsin Shares authorizations when the data was run for this report. There were children receiving Wisconsin Shares as shown by region, age, and star level.

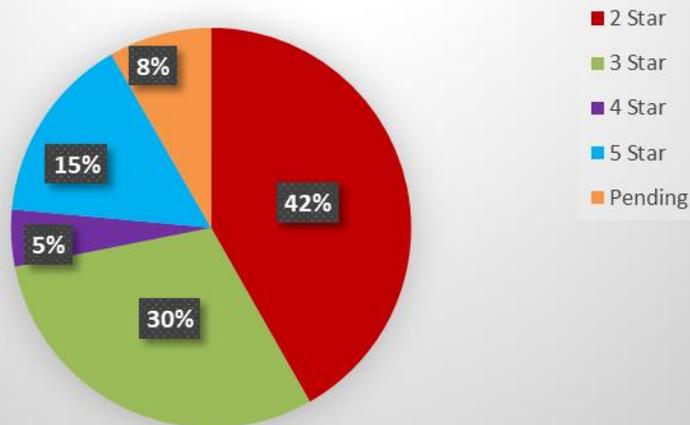
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Southeastern	13,094	8,283	1,196	3,848	2,982	29,403
Northeastern	867	1,306	334	709	81	3,297
Northern	226	453	80	82	3	844
Southern	1,409	1,054	136	1,133	92	3,824
Western	795	712	58	201	98	1,864
Total	16,391	11,808	1,804	5,973	3,256	39,232

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Children Receiving Wisconsin Shares by Region and Star Level - 8/1/2025

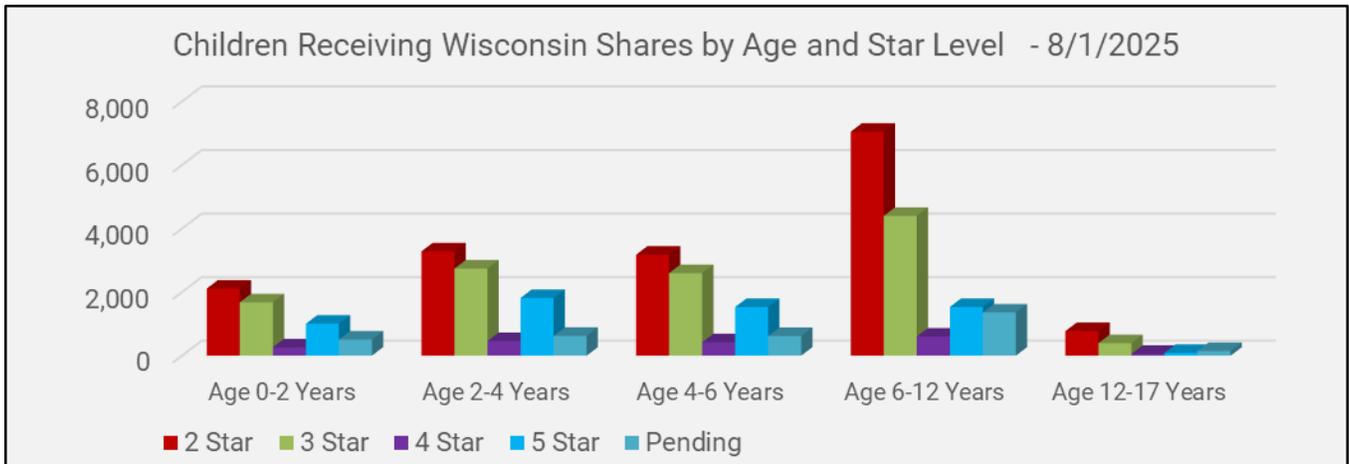


Percentage of Children Receiving Shares at Quality Levels - 8/1/2025



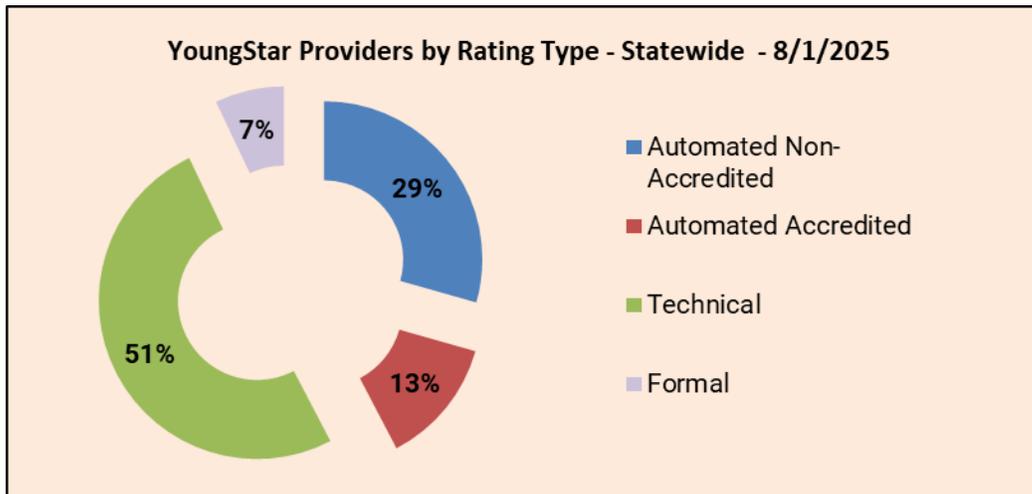
	2 Star	3 Star	4 Star	5 Star	Pending	Total
Age 0-2 Years	2,111	1,679	262	1,006	507	5,565
Age 2-4 Years	3,280	2,741	460	1,815	624	8,920
Age 4-6 Years	3,178	2,597	422	1,532	620	8,349
Age 6-12 Years	7,047	4,397	601	1,531	1,358	14,934
Age 12-17 Years	775	394	59	89	147	1,464
Total	16,391	11,808	1,804	5,973	3,256	39,232

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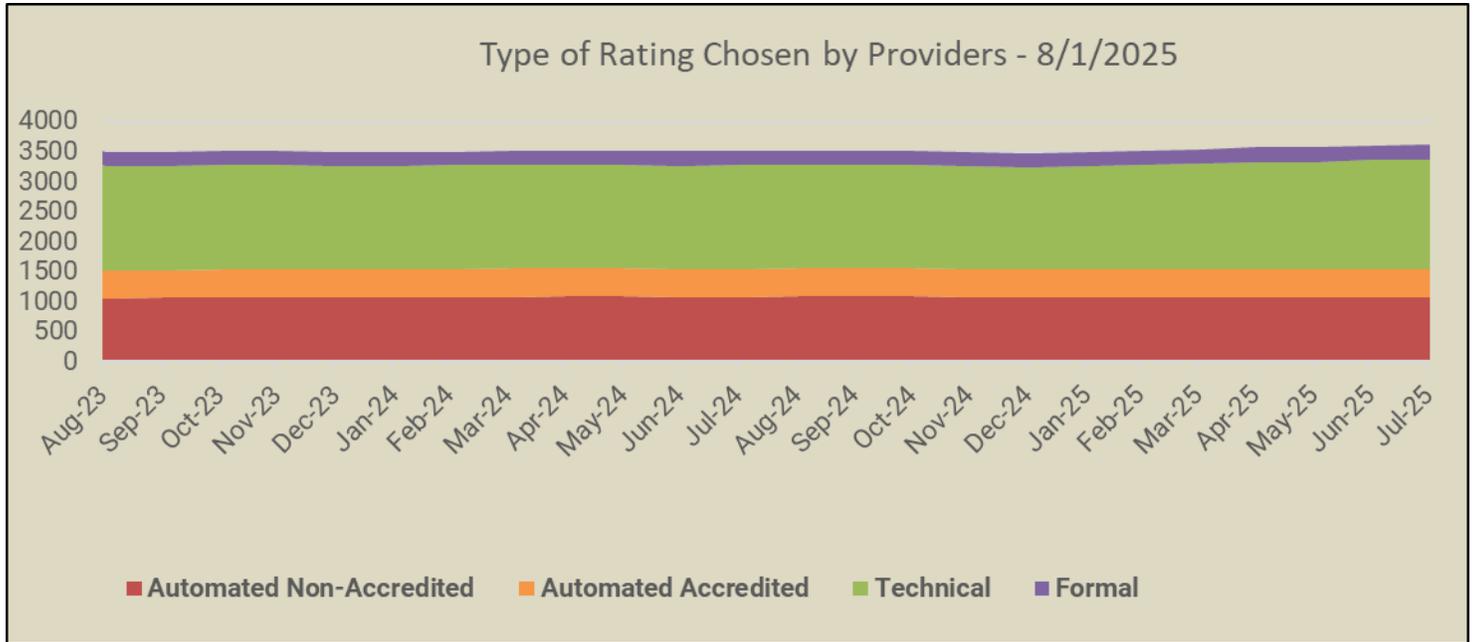
★ **Rating History and Composition:**

The composition of currently rated programs is shown below.

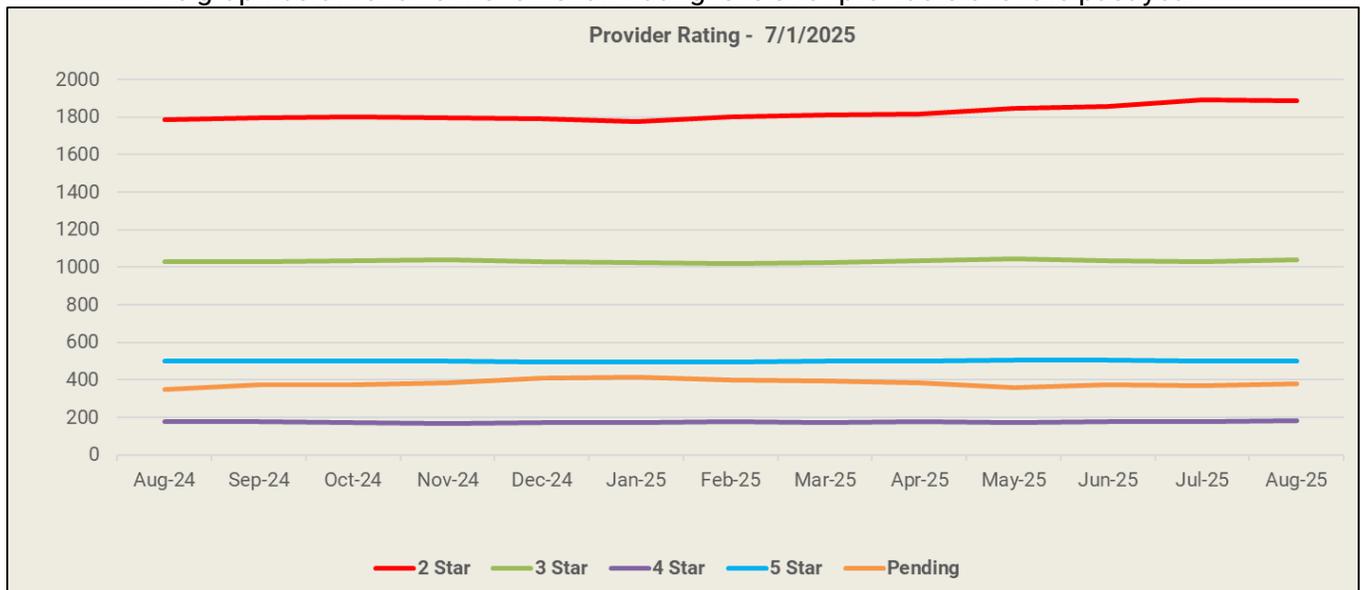


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The graph below shows the movement in rating type chosen by providers over the past two years.



The graph below shows movement in rating levels for providers over the past year.



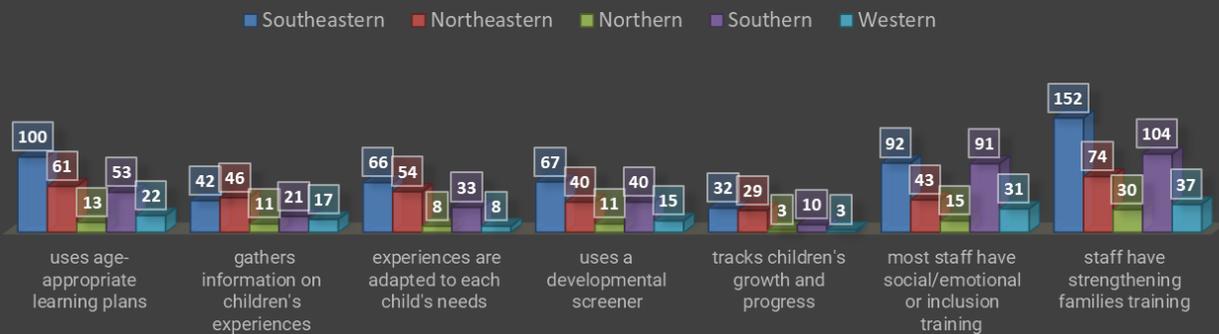
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★ **High-Quality Practices:**

As part of the YoungStar evaluation process, programs can be evaluated for having key high-quality practices. The number of programs with high-quality practices is shown below by region.

	uses age-appropriate learning plans	gathers information on children's experiences	experiences are adapted to each child's needs	uses a developmental screener	tracks children's growth and progress	most staff have social/emotional or inclusion training	staff have strengthening families training
Southeastern	100	42	66	67	32	92	152
Northeastern	61	46	54	40	29	43	74
Northern	13	11	8	11	3	15	30
Southern	53	21	33	40	10	91	104
Western	22	17	8	15	3	31	37
Total	249	137	169	173	77	272	397

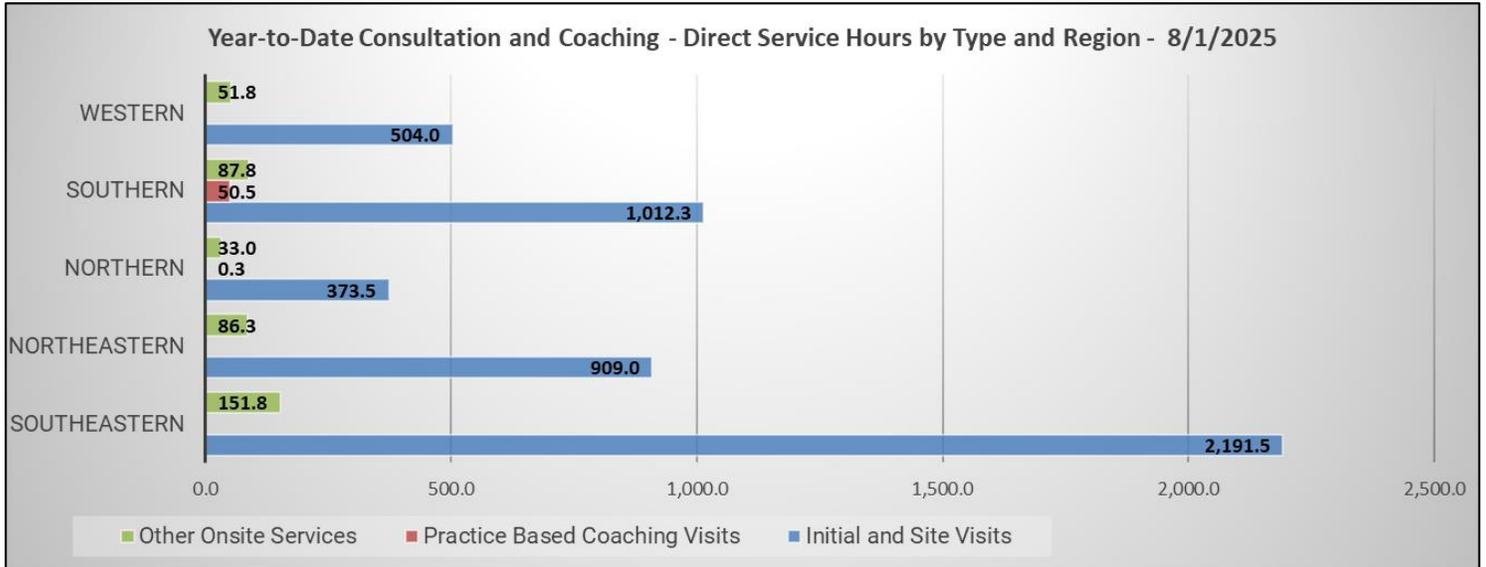
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS WITH HIGH-QUALITY PRACTICES BY REGION - 8/1/2025



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★ **Onsite Services:**

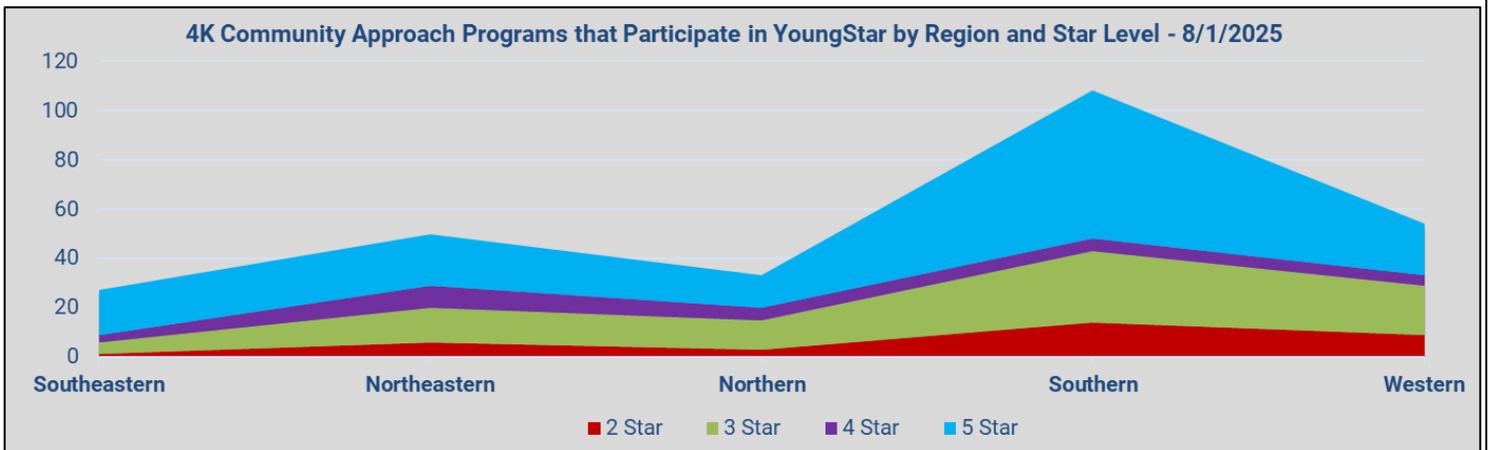
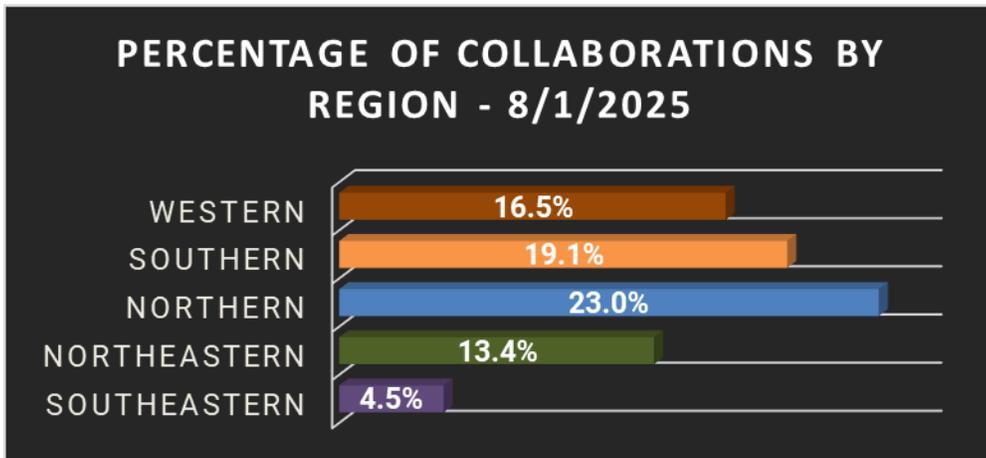
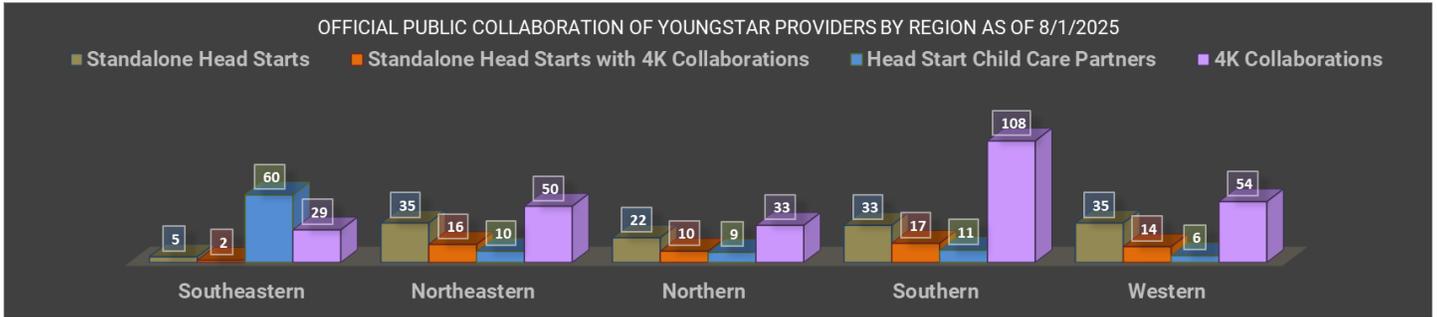
YoungStar provides thousands of hours of direct consultation and coaching services every year to help early care programs with quality improvement across the state. Direct services include things like site visits, practice based coaching services, and formal rating verification visits. The number of hours provided year-to-date are shown in the chart below by type and region.



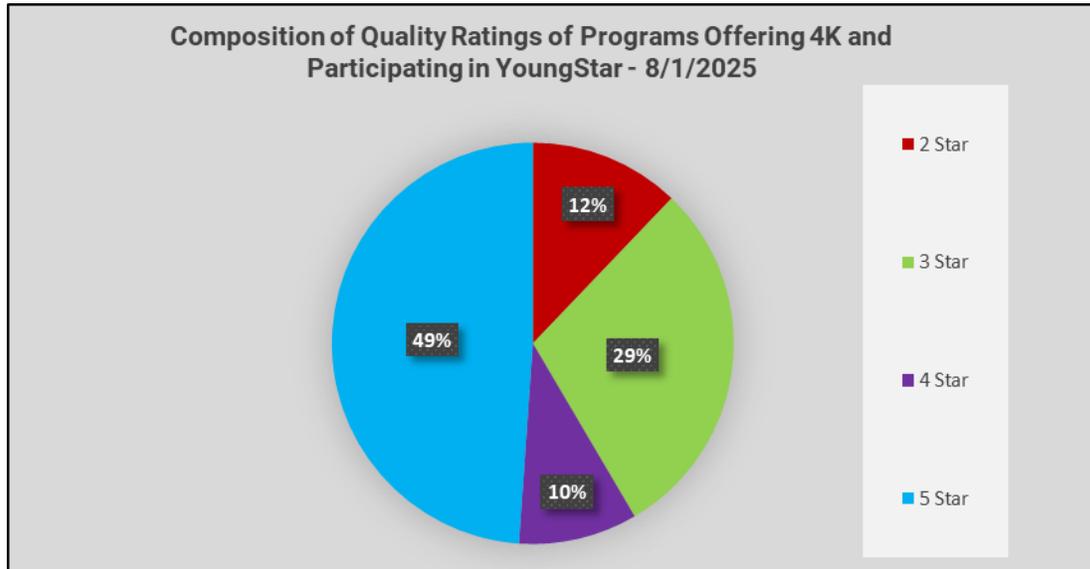
★ **YoungStar Data on Partnerships:**

Region	Standalone Head Starts	Standalone Head Starts with 4K Collaborations	Head Start Child Care Partners	4K Collaborations	YoungStar Providers
Southeastern	5	2	60	29	2,044
Northeastern	35	16	10	50	566
Northern	22	10	9	33	226
Southern	33	17	11	108	712
Western	35	14	6	54	449
Statewide	130	59	96	274	3,997

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The Head Start/4K Child Care Collaboration information is based on returned surveys and all programs may not be included.

Please see <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/program/impact> for more details.

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